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Idaho Spring Wheat Production Decrease 5 Percent

Based on conditions as of August 1, Idaho's spring wheat yield is forecast at 76.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from the July 1 forecast and down 2 bushels per acre from 2010, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Production of 45.6 million bushels from 600,000 harvested acres is down 5 percent from last year. Idaho's winter wheat yield of 80.0 bushels per acre is up 1 bushel per acre from last month and down 2 bushels per acre from last year. Producers expect to harvest 770,000 acres of winter wheat with a total production of 61.6 million bushels, up 6 percent from last year. Barley production is forecast at 44.1 million bushels, up 2 percent from last year's 43.2 million bushels. Harvested acreage, at 490,000, is 20,000 acres more than last year. The expected yield of 90.0 bushels per acre is unchanged from last month and down 2 bushels from last year. Sugarbeet production is expected to total 5.70 million tons from 178,000 harvested acres, up 8 percent from a year ago. Sugarbeet yield of 32.0 tons per acre is up from last year's 31.0 tons per acre. Alfalfa hay production is estimated at 4.49 million tons, a 5 percent decrease from 2010. The expected yield for alfalfa is at 4.4 tons per acre, up from last year's 4.2 tons per acre. Other hay production is expected to total 770,000 tons, up 8 percent from last year. Yield for other hay is estimated at 2.20 tons per acre, up from 2.10 tons per acre last year. Oat yield is forecast at 74.0 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last month and down 10 bushels from last year. Oat production from 15,000 harvested acres is expected to total 1.11 million bushels, down 34 percent from a year ago. Dry bean production is expected to total 1.47 million cwt from 84,000 harvested acres, down 42 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,750 pounds per acre (clean basis), down 150 pounds from last year. Chickpeas, grown primarily in North Idaho, are included in the dry bean estimates. This year's chickpea planted acreage accounts for 50 percent of Idaho's dry beans. Idaho apple production is estimated at 60 million pounds, unchanged from 2010. Prune and plum production is expected to total 2,500 tons, down from last year's 2,700 tons. Idaho hop producers are expected to harvest 2,288 acres with a yield of 2,400 pounds per acre and production of 5.49 million pounds in 2011.

For the United States, all wheat production, at 2.08 billion bushels, is down 1 percent from the July forecast and down 6 percent from 2010. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 45.2 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month but down 1.2 bushels from last year. Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.50 billion bushels, up slightly from last month and up 1 percent from 2010. The United States yield is forecast at 46.3 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushel from last month but down 0.5 bushel from last year. Spring wheat production is forecast at 522 million bushels, down 5 percent from last month and down 15 percent from last year. The United States yield is forecast at 42.5 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from last month but down 3.6 bushels from 2010. Barley production for 2011 is forecast at 168 million bushels, down 3 percent from the July forecast and 7 percent from 2010. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 70.4 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from July but 2.7 bushels below last year's record high. Oat production is forecast at 57.5 million bushels, 2 percent above the July 1 forecast but down 29 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest production on record, surpassing the previous record low set last year. Dry bean production is forecast at 20.5 million cwt for 2011, down 36 percent from last year. Production of sugarbeets for the 2011 crop year is forecast at 30.4 million tons, down 5 percent from last year. Corn production is forecast at 12.9 billion bushels, up 4 percent from 2010. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 153.0 bushels per acre, up 0.2 bushel from 2010, and the fourth highest yield on record. Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 65.0 million tons, down 4 percent from last year. Other hay production is forecast at 67.0 million tons, down 14 percent from last year. Prune and plum production in Idaho, Michigan, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 13,050 tons, up 8 percent from last year. The apple forecast for the 2011 crop year is 9.51 billion pounds, up 2 percent from last year. Hop production in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 64.2 million pounds for 2011, down 2 percent from last year.

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